

URBAN RENEWAL SPOTLIGHT

Some Background

- 1961 - Blight hearing before Central Planning Board, doming protest, Board voted to declare 12-block area "blighted"; then City Council votes 6-1 (only Councilman Turner "no") with 2 abstentions for "blight" declaration.
- 1961 - Lawsuit filed by 7 Clinton Hillers (Igoe, Franks, Webster, Winters) challenging legality of "blight." Work on project stops meanwhile.
- 1962 - Superior Court Judge Crane upholds "blight", appeal filed.
- 1963 - Housing Authority and Mayor come up with "compromise plan" that would still have displaced about 9,000 families. CHHC rejects compromise. Publishes studies by Walter Habbit, independent planner, showing defects in Housing Authority proposals.
- 1963 - Appeal rejected by Appellate Court; file appeal with NY Supreme Court.
- 1964 - U. S. Supreme Court refuses to hear cases; file appeal with US Supr. Court.
- 1964 - U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear "blight" case. City gets "go ahead."

What's been Happening?

In recent weeks, several important meetings have been held by the Save Our Homes Committee as part of its campaign to prevent wholesale displacements and get a better deal in the 12-acre "light industrial zone" below Bergen St. and above Belmont Ave.

1) On Dec. 14, a delegation met with Mr. Louis Damsig, exec. director State's Housing Authority; Mr. Alfred Walker, director of Redevelopment; Philip Daiggon, in-charge community relations program.

From CHHC there were Tommy McGuire, president; Rebecca Landover, Rose Heyman, Aaron Franks, Anne Franks, Richard Williams, and Stan Winters. Bob Curvin also attended representing CHHC.

"Results: We learned a lot, and Mr. Damsig learned that we are ready to talk right to the point. We explained that in the 3 years since we began the "blight" suit, there have been new federal laws which make possible new types of "treatment" for such areas. We asked for citizens participation while plans were flexible.

"He said there would not be total clearance for industry. That most industry would be confined around the railroad tracks. That there would be new housing, probably of varied type (3-story, private, high-rise), but wouldn't say exactly where till surveys are completed. We stressed moderate rentals and sales prices.

Blocks which are mainly "structurally sound" would not be torn down, but we didn't learn what would happen to them. So what was "structurally sound." The Housing Authority is applying soon for \$450,000 in planning funds. The area will only go up to West Sigler St. right now because of lack of more money.

The committee has another appointment with Mr. Damsig to ask more questions and make suggestions, on December 28 (as we go to press).

2) We met with the City Council in a conference on Dec. 22. Present were 1 City Councilman (including South Ward Councilman Bernstein) and 1 Clinton Hiller: Stan Winters, Warren Brothers, Pat Capomigro, Rose Heyman.

The meeting was brief, cordial, and constructive. We raised some points about the Housing Authority's requests for funds and got some suggestions on how to proceed. No promises were made, but Councilman Turner restated his opposition to putting any industry into Clinton Hill except where it now is already, around the railroad tracks. Councilman Bernstein offered his cooperation.

WHAT TO HELP? Learn about urban renewal - save your neighborhood - join the Save Our Homes Committee - call 21 7-6880. The committee will be assisted by a city planner when it needs advice, and he has already been helping recently.

EXPENSES

A Save Our Homes campaign financial statement has been prepared by Mrs. M. Winters, treasurer. Here it is:

	Expense	Income
1961	\$930.52	126.97
1962	792.06	1089.22
1963	4004.95	3982.42
1964	1107.02	1081.10
Total	\$6834.55	\$2581.71

These expenses and receipts do not include anonymous contributions which went directly to lawyers, printers, etc.

These bills and contributions totalled \$4613.20, for a grand total of receipts, \$25,847.86.

Bills still outstanding:

Attorneys	\$1706.00
Loan to SOH Com.	\$25.00

Total still due \$1731.00

A small price to pay to save the roofs over the heads of 18,000 people! But we still have bills to pay!

The Berringer Concert

The concert at Berringer H.S. on Nov. 20 drew almost 900 people and was well liked. "Best thing I've ever seen," said one person. Sorry-also the results were not so good.

1. Costs (rental of Berringer, printing, advertising, VOICES fee, public relations, stamps, etc.)...	\$ 1975.86
2. Expense (tickets, program book, donations /	1811.00
Deficit (tentative)	164.86

The splendid job in the Program Book by Mrs. Rose Heyman and Mrs. Pat Capomigro, and on the tickets by Mrs. Helen Winters, deserves real applause.

Our first BIG affair - but not our last! We learned a lot.

1965 - The Tenth Anniversary of the Clinton Hill "Neighborhood Council"

HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE?

Renewal Aid Rises

\$37 Million Going
to Newark for
3 Projects

By BOB SHABAZIAN

The Urban Renewal Administration has approved earmarkings of \$37 million in federal funds for a new redevelopment project in Newark, and for the extension of two projects, it was announced yesterday by Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio.

The new earmarkings, which mean that these funds would be reserved as anticipated federal grants if the projects are fulfilled, are:

St. Michael project, \$2 million.

South Broad Street project, second stage, \$2 million.

Central Ward Light Industrial project, second stage, \$2 million.

With the new grants, the total federal commitment to Newark for 14 projects in various stages of development topped to \$127 million. The city's share in this vast program, either in cash or in public improvements, would be approximately \$43 million.

The housing authority, which is the city's official redevelopment agent, will have plans for another project, the South Broad Industrial urban renewal project.

General boundaries of the second stage of the light industrial project are Aven and Madison Avenues and W. 11th and 12th Streets. This area, as well as the first stage for which there is a \$13.5 million federal grant reservation, is destined for housing, commercial and light industrial redevelopment.

Legislation Pending

The first stage of this project runs north from Aven Avenue to 11th Avenue. Only recently long litigation seeking to upset the \$13.5 million reservation for the area was ended in the courts, thus paving the way for redevelopment.

THERE'S STILL TIME!

BUT IT'S GETTING SHORTER -
THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE
NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY ARE
NOT ASLEEP!!

NEITHER IS THE C. H. N. C.

OUR SAVE OUR HOMES COMMITTEE IS

- ① MEETING WITH CITY COUNCILMEN -
- ② GETTING EXPERT LEGAL AND PLANNING ADVICE -
- ③ FOLLOWING EVENTS CLOSELY -
- ④ RAISING MONEY - PLANNING STRATEGY -

YOU MUST HELP!

- ① DON'T BELIEVE RUMORS, WILD REPORTS - GET FACTS -
- ② RENEW 1965 C.H.N.C DUES \$1.00
- ③ ASK FOR REPORTS ON THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL-FACTORY PLAN TO BE MADE AT YOUR BLOCK-BRANCH MEETINGS. CALL 81 3-6890. PITCH IN.
- ④ DON'T MOVE UNTIL YOU HAVE TO AND HAVE DECENT RELOCATION HOUSING. **UNITED WE CAN WIN -**

N.I. Room
Newark Public Library
5 Washington St
Newark, N.J.



PARTIAL VICTORIES ON URBAN RENEWAL AND SCHOOL BUDGET - DEMAND CITY COUNCIL ACT - SET SCHOOLS RALLY

ESTIMATE BOARD GIVES IN

Under heavy protests by irate citizens led by Newark Committee for Better Schools, the Mayor and Bd. of School Estimate buckled and restored about \$500,000 to the school budget on Feb. 17.

The victory came about 11 p.m. after 250 persons had marched to City Hall, heard speeches, then went into the hearing room to let off steam.

The CHNCouncil helped in the march by calling members and taking part in planning the events. It was one of the first groups in the city to attack the Mayor's demand that the Bd. of Educ. cut its budget.

Only a "Partial Victory"

A statement by the CHNC executive committee over the signature of Thomas F. Edwards, our president, called the fund restoration "only a partial victory."

We pointed out that the \$500,000 would be spread out over 2 yrs.

Also, that the Mayor himself said that \$9-10,000,000 were needed now.

"When it comes to buying the Mosque or protecting a planned gasoline station on Broad St.," our statement said, "then the top power structure springs to life, but not for education and city services."

Rally is Next on List

To follow up on its drive for badly needed school improvements, the CHNCouncil Education Committee has slated a SCHOOLS RALLY for Fri. March 26 at Clinton Ave. Pres. Church, corner Clinton Ave. and S. 16 St.

Plan to be there!

Lots of help is needed to make this rally a success. Contact Mrs. Marie Layton, educ. chair, at 872 S. 14 St; call 371-7856, or RI 3-6880.

The Better Schools Committee is also working on follow-up plans. Contact Mrs. N. Davidson, WA 3-8110 for information.

SHOUT

Don't forget - - -

1965 means another \$1.00 dues....

The Council needs you, you need the Council to speak out and fight....

SHUT-In

Bill King, 800 S. 11 St., formerly quite active in SHNC, has been confined to home with pneumonia. If you know Bill, you know how this mustirk him. Speedy recovery!

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VICTORY FOR SOME; SLIDESHIPS FOR OTHERS

The South Ward has been saved from large-scale demolitions for at least 1-2 more years.

This fact became clear when the Central Planning Board, at a hurriedly called secretive meeting, approved a land-use plan for an area of about 30-blocks north of Avon Ave.

That plan, approved Feb. 19, if put into effect would demolish just about every structure in the area except U.S. plant, Nicardell Paint Co., Fald Ames, and St. Stanislaus Church. Chicago financiers would buy the land. About 8,000 people live in the area.

Part of 70-Block

The area, bounded by Bergen and Belmont, is the northern part of the "light industrial area" on which the Clinton Hill Council has been fighting since 1961.

The area south of Avon, however, is still "blighted" and may be demolished in the future. (See Editorial Inside)

Executive Committee Acts

At a special combined executive-Save Our Homes Committee meeting on Feb. 21, it was decided to oppose the land-reuse plan.

While hailing the cut-off at Avon Ave. as "a major victory," the committee decided:

1. To send a wire to Rep. Weaver, Housing Commissioner in Wash. D.C. asking him to demand that the Planning Board hold a full public hearing on the land-reuse plan;
2. Ask the City Council to investigate the secretive Planning Board meeting and find out why bureaucrats and financiers were there but the people and small businessmen of the area were not even notified;
3. Ask City Council why the Newark Housing Authority, which drew up the plan, would not permit Mrs. Roger Bayman, in behalf of the Clinton Hill Council, to inspect applications for federal planning funds;
4. Demand City Council reject NEA application for \$150,000 to "plan" for the area north of Avon;

Ask "Blight" Removal

5. Ask City Council to remove "blight" declaration from area south of Avon since no work is planned there at this time.

City Council to Meet March 3

Some of these items may come up at the next City Council meeting March 3. The more who attend the better. Plan on coming!

For a ride call RI 3-6880, 371-7856.

WHAT'S DOING?

- March 3 - Wed - City Council meets, City Hall
March 5 - Fri - Clinton Hill Assembly, 894 S. 19 St. (See Inside)
March 26 - Fri - Clinton Hill School Rally for Decent Education, at Clinton Ave. Pres. Church, cor. S. 16.
Mid April - - Candy sale to raise funds for Council activities; see inside pink sheet; Call 371-0422.

Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting - Meeting

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY - ALL DELEGATES AND BLOCK LEADERS, PLEASE ATTEND - ALL MEMBERS INVITED -

Anti-Poverty? ... Civil Rights ... Job opportunities ... Taxes ... Politics?

"WHAT'S WHAT IN NEWARK?"

A Round-Table Give-and-Take Discussion, all pitch in.
Chairman: William (Bill) Mercer of Johnson Avenue. He's Coordinator of B I G C, Director of Community Relations for Welfare Federation, and consultant to Associated Community Councils.

Also: Election of Officers due to Vacancies (Treasurer, Vice president).

at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Edwards

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 8-15 PM - 894 SOUTH 19TH STREET

Between Avon and Clinton Aves. Call for a ride: 371-7855, 813-6880.

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Council Raffle off to Fine Start!!

The COUNCIL Raffle is off to a flying start!

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Anabella Young and Richard Williams, dozens of raffle books have been distributed to members and block-branches.

A raffle costs \$6.50.

1st prize is a 21-inch Color TV set.

2nd prize is a Polaroid Camera.

3rd prize is a 100% human hair wig, personally styled and fitted.

Raffle Rousers Help Out!

It has been decided to call persons helping with the raffle, Raffle Rousers.

Be a Raffle Rouser!

Call Mr. Williams at 313-5470 or Mrs. Young at 313-7653.

Proceeds will go to COUNCIL operations and getting needed equipment.

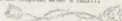
HERE AND THERE

Welcomes due to new S. 18 and S. 19 St. block-branches... On S. 19 St. Ms. Moore, chairman, Lillian McIntosh, sec'y, Ms. Thomas, treas...

S. 14 North finally is getting one-side-of-street parking after years of asking. The block is also filing a complaint against a plant that is spreading air pollution...

There's supposed to be an air pollution control board in Newark but you'd never know it... Our pollution count would be higher than Los Angeles if not for prevailing westerly... But the city's TE rate is still above state average.

On S. 14 South, Mrs. Roberts is recovering in the hospital after a fall...



On Chadwick North, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Battle proudly announce the wedding of their son Morris to Miss Cassandra Jones on Feb. 21, 1964...

Rev. L. B. Robinson of Central Pres. Church is leaving Newark to try to set up an integrated church in Atlanta, Ga. Our council has had several meetings in Rev. Robinson's church on Belmont and Clinton...

REHABILITATION?

Instead of 80% clearance of housing inside the 14-block Rehabilitation Area, the Housing Authority has upped the figure to 90%. There are rumors that the Authority may actually do something on the park off Clinton and Seymour before the end of 1965, but few people believe these rumors...

Don't forget the Schools Rally on March 26, a Friday night... Mark your calendar now... Fred Means of CORE is one of speakers...

... CANDY ...

Candy anyone - for Spring holidays? Call 371-0822 or 313-6880 for orders. Benefit COUNCIL...

Has your block used a leaflet lately to announce a meeting or campaign? Call Mrs. Melan Winters, Council sec'y at 26 Shavley. Give about 1 week's notice...

Plan for Spring
Block Clean-Up!



Save Our Homes to New York

Five members of the Save Our Homes Committee went to a discussion on "Urban Renewal: How and Why?" sponsored by the Metropolitan Committee on Planning.

They were Sid Brown, Ed Bell, Mabel Lyons, Rose Bayman, and Stan Winters.

About 100 people were there, mainly city planners and technicians.

On the panel discussion was Walter Thabit, who knows Clinton Hill well, and 2 others. Mr. Thabit was about the only one who made any sense.

While others bogged down in details, he called for a revision of urban renewal so it would serve people, not hurt and destroy them.

If you would like to work with the committee call Mrs. Lyons, 313-6163.

WETS OFF TO
MYRON
REDFORD

Soon we'll be saying good-by to Myron Redford, a college student who has been helping the council in the past 2 months.

We hate to see Myron leave because he's shown himself to be a responsible, constructive, and efficient force.

We wish him luck in whatever else he does.